Six critical areas

1. **Alignment with standards (Ohio Academic standards, Ohio Educator Standards, Ohio Operating Standards, Ohio, Schools of Promise research)**
   - Curriculum
   - Instruction
   - Assessment

   Evidence: Curriculum maps. Short cycle assessments, model lessons, standards posted/used

2. **Instructional Practices (Ohio Educator practices, Schools of Promise rigorous instruction)**
   - Planning
   - Differentiated Instruction
   - Instructional Supports
   - Data Driven Instruction
   - Intervention
   - Student Transitions

   Evidence: Differentiated instruction, higher order thinking skills, use of technology

3. **Environment and Climate (School Climate guidelines, Systems of Learning Supports, Schools of Promise)**
   - High Expectations
   - Safety/Facilities
   - Supports and Relationships
   - Parent Engagement

   Evidence: Parent activities, high academic/behavioral expectations, community services linked to student need, vision/mission displayed

4. **System of Leadership (Ohio Educator Standards, Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC), Ohio Improvement Process, Schools of Promise)**
   - Shared decision-making
   - Resource allocation
   - Data-driven decisions
   - Communication

   Evidence: Leadership team involved in building decisions, Principal can explain how resources are used, Teacher assignments based upon student needs, Walk-through systems in place
5. **Professional Development (Ohio Educator Standards, Schools of Promise)**
   - Collaborative
   - Alignment with Focus
   - Ongoing
   - Job-embedded

   Evidence: Dedicated time for teachers to work together, Analysis of student performance and program effectiveness, Staff can identify in-school experts

6. **Data Driven Decisions (EMIS data, Report card data, Schools of Promise)**
   - Student Data
   - Longitudinal Analysis
   - Program/Instructional Data
   - Staff Data

   Evidence: Student data drives daily instruction, Variety of student data sources used, Students/Families have access to data, Data used for school/staff planning